

## MINUTES OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

May 17, 2016

Health and Human Services Offices

Newton City Hall

7:00 PM

Commissioners Present— Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Dianne Chilingerian, Sheila Mondshein , Jane Brown,

Commissioners Not Present –

Advisory Council Present—Lt Bruce Apotheker, Viviana Planine and Frank Wolpe

Student Representatives Present — None

Guests – Mia Rosenblatt, Carolina Ventura

Staff to the Commission – Linda Walsh

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### 1. Introductions

### 2. Hate Crimes Report

- One incident of swastika on a bench

### 3. ADL

- Concerns with the involvement of the ADL because the organization hasn't acknowledged Armenian Genocide. Although, over the last month there have been discussions with local and national representatives.
- Friday there is to be an announcement from the National ADL to recognize the Armenian Genocide.
- There are still some discussions regarding reparations.
- Robert Tristan – he has been active sincere and has put himself in the forefront.
- Questions about the next steps: How will the ADL move forward and will there be a resolution before Congress?

### 4. Pride Event – June 1<sup>st</sup>; City Hall South Lawn

- 5p near the Flag pole
- Refreshments for 100

### New Business

- Transgender Flag
  - Boston 1<sup>st</sup> City in the Nation
  - Waiting until public accommodations
  - Pride 2017
- Fair Housing
  - Sheila gave an overview
  - Has become more of an issue throughout the city.
  - Amy Sangiolo, City Alderman, has asked for some statistics. Linda to work with Sheila to gather statistics. They will include any other appropriate people.
  - Many people will go directly to MCAD or HUD.
  - Malcolm Lewis is the new city person.
- Opioids & Seniors
  - Bruce gave an overview of what the Police Department does
  - Richard Cole working with the police department

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>; 5:30 – 7; City Hall South Lawn**